Besides, Manipur State Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (MSDPL), Imphal, a joint venture company, has been closed.

Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Limited (KAPL) and Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited (RDPL), two joint ventures, are profit making companies.

(f) At present, pharma CPSUs are not engaged in manufacture of vaccines.

Poor quality of phosphatic fertilisers

3390. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy on fertilizers paid to phosphatic fertilizer producers during the last three years;

(b) whether any complaints have been received against phosphatic fertilizer producer for the poor quality of product and bogus claims for subsidy;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the defaulters; and

(d) the procedures adopted to verify the claims for the subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The amount of subsidy paid to phosphatic fertilizer producers in respect of DAP, Complexes and SSP during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Amount of subsidy paid (In Rs. lakh)
2002-03	248773.97
2003-04	260599.65
2004-05	397698.69

(b) and (c) Reports from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh were received that during the months of November and December, 2004.

M/s. Prem Sakhi Fertilizer Ltd., Udaipur and M/s. Bohra Industries Ltd., Udaipur had supplied sub-standard Single Super Phosphate (SSP) in that State. Similarly, reports from the State Government of Bihar were also received that M/s. Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (OCFL) had supplied sub-standard DAP in November, 2004 in the State. News had also appeared that M/s OCEL had supplied sub-standard DAP in Punjab also. Department of Fertilizers withheld the payment of concession received by the above companies in respect of the sub-standard sales. The State Governments also took requisite action against the above companies under the Fertilizers Control Order, 1985 for supply of sub-standard fertilizer.

(d) The procedure to verify claims for the subsidy is governed under the guidelines dated 5.8.2002 on Concession Scheme of decontrolled phos-phatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers. The manufacturers are released 85% 'On account' payment and the balance payment is released to them on the certification of sales by the State Governments in the prescribed Performa.

Edible Oil Import

3391. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIV. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's edible oil imports rose 19 percent to 46.3 lakh metric tonnes in the eleven months period ended 30th September, 2005 from 38.8 lakh tonnes a year earlier;

(b) whether India is world's third largest buyer of vegetable oils;

(c) whether the overall imports of refined oil is reported at 4,36,823 tonnes while crude oil is reported at 41,93,660 tonnes during November, 2004 to September, 2005;

(d) if so, the main reasons of high rise of import of edible oil and steps Government propose to take to check this rise;

(e) whether several steps have been taken to reduce the oil imports in the country; and

(f) if so, to what extent edible oil production in India is likely to improve during 2005-06?